Daily Word

Class Thoughts

PEACE . . . In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray for and decree a permanent peace, uniting all the nations of the earth in a league of justice and righteousness, in which the life, liberty, and love of God shall be paramount.

PRAYER FOR WORLD LEADERS: Through the Christ Mind you are unified in thought, purpose, and understanding, and inspired to right action for the good of all mankind.

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MAR. 20 to APR. 19

ILLUMINATION (11 a.m.): I am radiant with the glory of the risen Christ.

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PROSPERITY (12 noon): The risen Christ has set me free from financial limitation, and I am prospered and blessed.

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HEALING (9 p.m.): The risen Christ has set me free from physical limitation, and I am quickened and healed, mind, body, and soul.

APR. 20 to MAY 19

ILLUMINATION (11 a.m.): Steadfastly proclaiming my unity with the Christ Mind, I am guided in my thinking by divine illumination.

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PROSPERITY (12 noon): Steadfastly proclaiming my unity with the Christ Mind, I am prospered and blessed in all my affairs.

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HEALING (9 p.m.): Steadfastly proclaiming my perfection in Christ, I am made strong and well in mind and in body.

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The Man We All Might Be

JAMES DILLET FREEMAN

THE MAN we all might be had faith in other men. He saw in them potentialities that others overlooked. He knew them to be capable of more than they themselves thought. He inspired sinners to become saints, social outcasts to become public benefactors, weaklings to become towers of strength. He changed common fishermen into "fishers of men."

The Man we all might be saw through life's imperfections—through sickness and doubt, through poverty and fear, through hatred and pride, even through death—and He called forth wholeness, faith, joy, love, and life. He showed men what life might be—lived to the utmost of its possibilities. He showed men what a man might be who held to the highest and the best in him.

How hard we find it to love one or two men! Yet this Man showed us that it is possible to learn to love all. How many hours we have wasted in resentment! Yet this Man showed us that it is possible to live free from hate.

He knew how much a loving heart is worth, He had a sense of right values. He was able to judge not by appearances; able to put first things

first, able to see how much more important than material treasures are the treasures of heart and mind.

Yet He was free from pious self-righteousness. "I came not to judge," He said. He saw men as they are, flesh-and-blood creatures with physical needs and desires. Not once did He suggest, "It will be better for your soul if your body suffers, so I will not help you." Those who were sick, He healed; those who were hungry, He fed. He knew that love does not exact pain-payment as the price of spiritual growth. His heart went out to everyone in need, as the heart of a gentle child goes out to a small bird fallen from its nest.

This is no man of sorrows though He wept. Though He suffered, His was no tragic life. Even His death was not truly tragic, for how quickly the darkness of Calvary was wiped away in the light of Easter morning! The energy released by the overcoming that He made at death is still flooding two thousand years later, into millions of lives.

His was no easy life, but surely men are not given their tremendous mental and spiritual powers in order to have a problem-free existence.

This Man had human needs and human problems. Had He not been endowed with human nature, then He could not have meant to us what

He means. He would not be the Man we all might be; we could not aspire to put on His character. We could not hope to imitate His life. But though this be "very God of very God," this is also "very man of very man."

How human was His love for His family! Almost His last act, as He hung on the cross, was to commit His mother to the care of His best friend.

He was weary and He rested by the well. He was thirsty and He said, "Give me to drink." He was angered at men's inability to see the truth—though never at the men themselves—and He expressed His anger in flaming words and sometimes in hot deeds. When He saw the sadness of His friends, He wept. He shrank from pain as all men do. He cried, "Remove this cup from me," though He added, "Nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done."

He had moments of doubt and cried out like a child, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Yet the Man we all might be was intimately aware of His oneness with God. He was human, but always He saw Himself as more than a human being; He saw Himself as a spiritual being with spiritual powers. He lived in a world of forms, but He lived also in a spiritual world, where He was one with All-Power, All-Life, All-Love.

He fed men with bread when they needed it. He healed their bodies and minds, but He knew also that men cannot live by bread alone but must have the living bread of inspiration, and this He offered never ceasingly.

He saw life clear and saw it whole, and He saw Himself as part of the whole, just as He knew that the whole was part of Him. He saw that in the truest sense He and the whole were one. He could say to those who would see God, "Look on me."

"And I, if I be lifted up . . . will draw all *men* unto me," He said. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethern, *even* these least, ye did it unto me."

Here was no splinter of a man, lonely or afraid, wondering as to His meaning and function in the vastness of the universe. This Man knew that all of us are one with one another and with the whole.

He knew the truth about Himself, not in abstract words, but in every fiber of His being. He was so conscious of His godlikeness that He was never anything less.

The Man we all might be was aware of His spiritual power. He called forth no armies of angels, caused no signs to be displayed in the heavens, but always He was master of Himself and of powers beyond Himself.

This Man was able to focus all the energies that we dissipate on trivialities, fears, and hatreds on whatever problem was presented to Him; and before the fierce heat of His spiritual power the problem melted away.

Was there a multitude to be fed? With what was at hand the need was met.

Was there a man who was dumb or blind, a man who was lame or mad? "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up."

Even over death the Man we all might be had power, for He knew that in truth death has no power and no reality. Though He died, it was only to rise again.

So great was the power this Man laid hold of that whatever He was called on to meet, whether for Himself or another, He met victoriously.

Yet even in His use of power He taught us much. Though this Man was the most powerful man who ever lived, He was also the most responsible. There is no instance when He used His power to force another man to do His will. This was no Zeus hurling thunderbolts at His enemies. When the people of His home town tried to mob Him He did not call down angels to defend Him; He slipped quietly away.

The Man we all might be showed us how humble true greatness is!

He could be humble because He understood His worth. "Who say ye that I am?" He asked His apostles, and Peter's answer rings across a score of centuries, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Knowing who He was He did not have to puff Himself up with titles and pretence. He could wash the feet of His friends. He could mix with the lowliest and the least worthy, with no awareness of their lowliness or their unworthiness. "Neither do I condemn thee," He said.

Yet He had an unfailing sense of His own worth. He let His feet be bathed in precious ointments. Even when He appeared as a criminal on trial for His life He had such poise that He unnerved the Roman dignitary, Pilate.

He was meek, not weak. He avoided quarrels when He could; but when He had to engage in argument His wit shone like a sword. His was the meekness that springs from the awareness of strength, His was the humility that springs from the awareness of worth.

He was filled with spiritual light, but He had great practical wisdom too. He had an infinite understanding of men and of the springs of action in them. He saw the causes of unhappiness and He knew the way to happiness. He knew that

"every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof." He knew that it is not enough for men to control their actions, they must control their thinking, too. He believed in obeying laws, but He repeatedly reminded His friends that laws were made for men, and not men for laws.

The Man we all might be was as much a man of action as He was a man of faith and love. Though He was always in close communion with His Father, though He spent days and nights and even weeks in prayer, He did not retire into a life of prayer and meditation. He knew that heaven not only had to be established in mind and heart, but also it had to be made a living reality in the physical universe.

He did not withdraw from the world, nor did He allow His apostles to withdraw. He sent them out, not to meditate, but to "preach the gospel to the poor . . . to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

He was a man without fear for His personal safety, without worry about His personal needs, for He knew that all the powers of the universe work together for him who is in harmony with them. Life clothed the lilies of the field and cared

for sparrows—why should He fear? He was not concerned whether what He did was financially profitable, only as to whether it was profitable to mankind. He was concerned only with the truth.

He did not lack for shelter, though He had "not where to lay his head." He could say to the storm, "Peace, be still." The waves could not sweep away His clear, sure calm. Serene in His purpose, He never lost His sense of direction.

This Man embodied what we only envision. But however nobler than our own His character may be, however superior to our own His powers may seem, however larger than our own His accomplishments may loom, this is the Man we all might be. His is the life we all might live.

Certainly the Man believed this to be true.

"Follow me," He said. "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do." He that believeth! "All things are possible to him that believeth."

This is God in incarnation, as we are God in aspiration. When Principle incarnates in human form, this is the kind of life that results. But Principle is incarnate in all of us. This is the life toward which all of us are moving. It is our own face that looks down at us from Calvary, and it is in our own flesh that we feel the stir of Easter

morning. He knew this, and He said, "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be perfected into one."

What height of fulfillment, what depth of compassion, what breadth of understanding might be ours—if we were the man we all might be!

Ours to love with a love that excludes none but gives itself to all; to have a sense of right values, placing spiritual things first, yet using spiritual powers to transform the physical world; to be master of self and superior to circumstance; to be humble of spirit, yet conscious of eternal worth; to be at peace, yet to be a center of energy; to be God-centered, a focus through which His power flows freely in joyous achievement; to be unlimited in vision and to attain what we envision; to experience the fullness of compassion, yet to live to the fullness of joy; to be able to help all who turn to us, to bless the lives we touch, to turn sorrow into joy, hate into love, sickness into health, lack into fulfillment, death into life; to be one with the essential harmony at the center of things; to be free from worry and fear about our physical necessities in the faith that this is a hospitable universe; to see ourselves in relation to the whole, merging the fraction of self in the integer of God!

This is the man we all might be.

Wednesday

GOD'S WILL FOR ME IS GOOD. I JOYFULLY OPEN MY HEART AND MIND TO HIM AND LET HIM GUIDE ME TO MY HIGHEST GOOD.

I JOYFULLY let God's will be done in my life, for I know that God is good, that His will for me is only good.

With steadfast expectation of good, I yield my heart and mind to God and let His Spirit illumine me.

Although I do not know what form my good will take or where it will lead me, my faith in God assures me that I shall find peace and satisfaction in the way that He unfolds my good to me.

I trust myself and my desires to God's limitless love and infinite wisdom, for I am secure in the knowledge that He has greater good for me than I am able to realize. I prepare myself to receive this good by opening my heart and mind to God so that He may guide me in all my ways.

I joyfully give up limiting thoughts and desires in order that I may receive the limitless good God has for me. As I let God teach me, I am shown the way to my highest good.

• *To them that love God all things work together for good.*—ROM. 8:28.

Thursday

THROUGH PRAYER I ENTER THE LARGE UPPER ROOM OF SPIRIT AND COMMUNE WITH CHRIST, THE INDWELLING LORD.

WHEN it was time to observe the Passover and the apostles asked Jesus, "Where wilt thou that we make ready?" He instructed them to go to a large upper room, which was already prepared for them, and there make ready.

On this Maunday Thursday, which commemorates the Last Supper, we remember that we, like the apostles, can go to the large upper room that is already prepared for us and make ready to enter into spiritual oneness with our Lord.

We enter the large upper room by means of the silence. The silence is but another name for prayer. The silence means to still bodily activity, to shut out sight and sound, to become utterly, utterly still and to think about God. Then we rise above thought itself and enter into the large upper room of Spirit, the large place in consciousness where we and God are one, where we see and know ourselves as children of God.

♣ *He will show you a large upper room . . . there make ready.*—LUKE 22:12.

Friday

I HAVE FAITH IN THE TRIUMPHANT POWER OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN ME.

SOMETIMES when we are passing through a difficult experience we wonder why we must meet it. We cannot see how it will contain any good for us. And so it is with Good Friday. On the surface there seems to be little reason for regarding the day of Jesus' crucifixion as good and for calling it Good Friday.

But the triumphant Spirit of Jesus makes even this, the most agonizing of human experiences, emerge as something good. Even the day of Jesus' crucifixion was a day of such triumph of Spirit, such loving-kindness, such mercy and compassion, and such fearless courage that when we read about it or think about it we are lifted up, we are strengthened, we are encouraged to go forward in our own overcomings.

On Good Friday let us give thanks to God for the power to triumph, which He has given us. Let us find new faith in the strength of Jesus. Let us draw from Him new power to forgive, new will to stand strong and steadfast.

• *And I, if I be lifted up . . . will draw all men unto myself.*—JOHN 12:32.

Saturday

TODAY I OPEN MY MIND TO TRUTH. RECEPTIVE AND OBEDIENT, I ACCEPT IT AS GUIDANCE FOR MY LIFE.

DEAR Father-God, today I open my mind to You. Let Your light so illumine me that I may grow from hour to hour, from day to day in knowledge and understanding. Let me learn to distinguish what is real from what is only a shadow, a darker side that dissolves the moment it is touched by Your Truth.

I shall be increasingly receptive to Truth and more constantly obedient in acting upon your leadings. I shall think only thoughts that are in harmony with Truth and speak only words that follow Truth thoughts. I shall be steadfast in seeking the way that is right for me; I shall act only on Your guidance, knowing that all things work together for my good.

Today I pray for understanding of Truth. As I go about my daily affairs, I shall keep my mind and heart open to receive Your guidance. Once I am certain what You would have me do, I shall act unfailingly.

♣ *Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*—JOHN 8:32.

Easter Sunday

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. I RISE TRIUMPHANT OUT OF EVERY TRIAL.

THESE ARE the living words that we affirm again and again in Silent Unity at Easter time. We remember that Jesus did not proclaim, "I am the resurrection, and the life," after He was raised up, but long before that shining Easter Day. He did not have to wait for the morning of the Resurrection to know that the Spirit in Him was indeed the "resurrection, and the life."

He told us that whosoever believed in this life-giving Spirit should live, and live triumphantly, even as He.

Every Easter Day gives us opportunity to add to our faith in the resurrecting power of the Christ within us. Every Easter song of victory becomes our song of victory. Every time we read or hear or repeat the words, "I am the resurrection, and the life," we are lifted up in consciousness; we come into a clearer realization of the spiritual self of us that is deathless, eternal, triumphant!

♣ *I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die.*—JOHN 11:25, 26.

Monday

I BEHOLD THE WISE AND LOVING SPIRIT OF THE CHRIST NOW RULING SUPREME IN EVERY NATION ON THE EARTH.

MY FAITH is in Christ, the saving Spirit of God that is among men. I believe that His radiant, healing Spirit permeates the entire globe and that all the nations of the world are securely and permanently infolded in His light and love.

I believe that despite appearances which seem to the contrary we are not now, nor will ever be forsaken, for I remember His promise, "Lo, I am with you always." Therefore, I refuse to be swept into a whirlpool of fear and anxiety. The thought that Christ is with us is my support; the realization of His presence within me is my courage, and my unceasing prayer in the face of any challenge is: "Jesus Christ is here now, guiding all the nations of the earth to the glorious destiny of brotherhood that is ours."

My faith is in Christ.

God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do change.
—PSALMS 46:1, 2.

Tuesday

I PRAY WITH A SONG IN MY HEART, ENTHUSIASM IN MY WORDS, AND A SMILE ON MY LIPS.

PRAYER IS a joyous activity. It is the happy remembrance of the healing presence of God; it is our joyous surrender to His guidance. It is not a time to become somber and inert, but a time to become abundantly alive with enthusiasm and gladness.

As friends and dear ones eagerly anticipate seeing one another, so should we anticipate our communion with the divine Friend within us. He is the source of our health, strength, life, and happiness. Whatever needs correction in our affairs, He can easily and perfectly adjust. Nothing is impossible with Him, and His wisdom illumines every darkness.

Even in the most seemingly hopeless situation His love reveals a solution. Is this not cause for rejoicing? Let us pray, then, with a song in our hearts, enthusiasm in our words, and a smile on our lips.

Let us sing praises unto our God.

Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all the earth: Break forth and sing for joy, yea, sing praises.
—PSALMS 98:4.

I AM RENEWED, REBORN, AND RESURRECTED INTO A NEW LIFE OF HEALTH AND STRENGTH IN CHRIST.

SPIRITUAL healing depends on faith, and if I wish to demonstrate a healthy body, I must believe that health is my divine birthright. "I came that they may have life, and may have *it* abundantly."

I give thanks that the abundant life of Christ now flows through every part of my body. I increase my faith in the divine life within me by praising and blessing God for the life and strength I feel in every part of my body.

I bless my eyes in the faith that they are renewed, that they see with the clarity of Spirit. I bless my ears in the faith that they hear and heed the voice of Spirit; I bless my heart in the faith that it is renewed, that the peace of Spirit removes all tension. I bless my entire body, each organ, cell, and nerve in the faith that I am renewed, reborn, and resurrected into a new life of health and strength in Christ.

♣ *Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thy healing shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee.*—ISA. 58:8.

Thursday

THROUGH THE LOVING, UNDERSTANDING SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST I LIVE IN HARMONY WITH MY FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND CO-WORKERS.

MANY times we fail to live in harmony with our family, friends, and co-workers, because when a point of disagreement arises we forget that it is possible to disagree without being disagreeable.

Jesus taught us the importance of living harmoniously with our fellow men. He disagreed at times with those about Him, but He quarreled with no one. We can do likewise. When we develop within our own hearts a kind, understanding, tolerant, loving spirit we instinctively recognize the inherent right of each individual to his own opinion.

When a point of disagreement arises rather than arguing or quarreling we can let the understanding love of Jesus Christ come into our hearts and minds. Then we shall be at peace with those whose opinions and attitudes are dissimilar to our own and still retain our integrity of thought.

♣ *Understanding is a wellspring of life.*—PROV. 16:22.

Friday

I RELAX IN THE ALMIGHTINESS OF GOD'S SPIRIT WITHIN ME AND LET IT RENEW MY WHOLE BEING.

RELAXATION is a vital part of our well-being, and we should allot time to think about it and to practice it, just as we allot time for the other departments of our lives. Actually, relaxation is an important factor in all our other activities. If we do not have a relaxed attitude of mind and body, we do not derive full value from our food, from our rest, from our work, from our recreation.

Relaxation that is deep and healing is achieved through the practice of prayer. Prayer lifts our vision beyond life's circumstances and beyond personal apprehensions that confuse our thinking and generate tension. Prayer leads us into the very heart of the silence, in which we and the almightiness of God blend into one.

Doubts are quieted, tensions are released, nerves are soothed, and relaxation of the whole body results as we learn to turn to and rely upon our indwelling Lord.

♣ *They that wait upon the* LORD *shall renew* their *strength.*—ISA. 40:31 (A.V.).

Saturday

I KNOW NO BONDAGE, FOR THE CHRIST HAS SET ME FREE FROM ALL LIMITING AND BINDING BELIEFS.

MANY persons in the world today are in bondage to false belief. Some persons believe that they are bound by some form of disease; many are in bondage to fear, while others are bound by a belief in failure. Some are bound by the thought that other persons or things can affect them and dominate their lives, and still others are bound by some habit that is hard for them to break. But through the Christ we can gain freedom from any false belief. His Spirit of freedom is within us, and His Spirit is mightier than any form of bondage.

I shall be free from every form of bondage, whether mental or physical, when I realize that nothing in all the world can bind me. My consciousness of the presence of Christ within me is mighty to set me free. I begin today to live in the consciousness that nothing can bind me. I am free with the freedom of Christ, and nothing can limit my freedom or take it away from me.

✽ *Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*—JOHN 8:32.

MY SPIRITUAL EYES ARE OPENED TO THE CHRIST, THE RISEN CHRIST, AND I AM CLOTHED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH.

ON THE Sabbath following the Crucifixion two men were traveling the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus when Jesus Christ joined them on their journey. "But their eyes were holden that they should not know him." When our spiritual eyes are "holden" we fail to recognize the Christ, the risen Christ, which is within our very being.

But He is nearer than near, for His Spirit is our Spirit. He is more than a guide for our feet; He is the way in which we walk. He is more than healing for our bodies; He is the life of our being. He is more than supply for our daily needs; He is our complete fulfillment. He is more than understanding and compassion; He is the love that makes us brothers.

Just as Jesus Christ "took the bread and blessed . . . it . . . and their eyes were opened, and they knew him," so is the risen Christ within us, giving us the blessed bread of life. Our spiritual sight is quickened, and we know Him.

● *Peace* be *unto you.*—LUKE 24:36.

Monday

I CONTINUALLY ADD TO MY UNDERSTANDING OF TRUTH AND BUILD UP A STRONG CONSCIOUSNESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE AND POWER WITHIN ME.

CHARLES Fillmore has this to say about good thoughts and how they return to minister to you and bless you in times of discouragement:

"Every thought of good makes a place, a form, and sets up a friendly habit in the mind that is permanent and that in your time of need ministers to you. You are glad to accept this ministry, for you have done good because the Spirit of good is working through you. Thus you reap the benefit of all the good you have ever done or thought. Your thoughts give back results of the same nature as themselves. If in the silence you have earnestly held to the pure and good you have built in you a place for the pure and good."

Through dependence on God's all-conquering Spirit you learn to control your mind. You keep your thoughts friendly, loving, cheerful, and kind, so that your life may be filled with God's abundant good.

♣ *As he thinketh within himself, so is he.*—PROV. 23:7.

The Lily of His Love

JOHN CHRISTOPHER

A lily bulb is brown and plain;
It wears earth's scars, it bears time's
stain;
None but a knowing heart can see
The lily that it is to be,
The Easter green, the waxen white,
Perfection like a plume of light!

Unless we look with loving eyes,
We shall not see what beauty lies
Hidden in plain things everywhere.
The lily of His love may wear
A homely garb; no sign discloses
Lilies in bulbs, in brambles roses.

But love has faith enough to sense
Angels in human tenements,
Aware that from the humblest heart
The lily of His love may start.

Tuesday

I DO NOT RESIST CHANGE. GOD IS EVERYWHERE EVENLY PRESENT, AND I GO FORTH TO MEET THE GOOD THAT AWAITS ME.

I DO not resist change, for I know that change is necessary to progress. Regardless of how well my present place may seem to suit me, I know that a time of change must come. When I resist change I make it difficult for myself, but when I welcome change in the faith that God is always with me the good comes forth to bless me without delay.

Change must come in every department of my life, and I must learn to welcome it as good. Although I love the present pattern of my life, I am willing to accept any change that is necessary to my well-being and spiritual unfoldment.

I find it in my heart to welcome new conditions, because I know that all which is dear to me has come from God. I know that regardless of where I am God is with me. As I acknowledge His presence and depend on His love, I find my life pleasant, harmonious, and satisfying.

Whither shall I go from thy Spirit?
Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
—PSALMS 139:7.

Wednesday

I AM SUCCESSFUL IN ALL THAT I UNDERTAKE, FOR CHRIST WORKS THROUGH ME TO ACCOMPLISH GOOD.

NOTHING can hinder my success, for I dedicate myself and all my efforts to Christ, and His Spirit works through me to accomplish good. Regardless of what my work may be, there is a way in which it can accomplish something for God. As I dedicate and consecrate myself to the will and the work of Jesus Christ, I am guided to do my work in the best possible way. I am helped through the places that seem difficult to me. I am inspired to put a blessing into my work, which has the effect of giving out a blessing to all who contact me or my work.

I can no longer do careless or mediocre work, for I have dedicated my work to God and give it all my attention, my devotion, my intelligence, and my strength in the time that is set aside for it.

As I work under God's direction and instruction, I do the very best work possible; I derive the greatest possible satisfaction from it, and I achieve success.

My heart is satisfied and at peace.

• *I will work, and who can hinder?*—ISA. 43:13.

I WILL LIFT MY EYES TO NEW HOPE, TO NEW INSPIRATION, AND TO NEW HEALING.

TODAY I lift my vision from the things that seem unpleasant or dark, that seem hopeless or dreary. I lift my eyes to God, to the source of all my good. From Him alone comes help in any difficulty, healing for any ill, and light to dispel whatever darkness may come into my life.

I lift my eyes and fix them on God's Truth. I keep looking upward steadfastly. I look upward and let God's love and joy and light shine upon me in ever-increasing degree as I become more aware of His presence and more aware that His light is always shining. I know that His light can never fade or dim. Only when I fail to look toward His light does my world become clouded and dreary.

Dear Father-God, now do I turn my eyes to You. I look away from all that is not good, knowing that as I look steadfastly upward Your light will shine upon me and through me. I am filled with new health, new inspiration, new hope as I keep my vision upon You.

♣ *I will lift up mine eyes.*—PSALMS 121:1.

Friday

TODAY I PROVE MY FAITH IN GOD IN EVERYTHING I DO.

TODAY I prove my faith in God. I know that He is with me in every situation, mighty to protect, quick to heal, ready to guide me. I know and acknowledge this, and I act on this faith. I post a mental guard today against doubting thoughts, and I seal my lips against negative words.

I know that the habit of negation and fear is strong and that it takes real concentration to refrain for even one day from being negative or fearful. But I resolve today to replace the old habit with the habit of faith.

Today I act on faith. I affirm that I am filled with God's great joy, and as I affirm this, I find that I am joyous. I affirm that I am perfectly well and strong in mind and body, and healing life enters my every cell. Lo, I am perfect. I affirm that I have an abundance to meet every need, and God's abundance is made manifest. I affirm that I am His son, going about His business, and doors open, oportunities materialize.

Yes, today I prove my faith in the Lord!

♠ *Faith is assurance of* things *hoped for.*—HEB. 11:1.

I HAVE FAITH IN THE WISDOM THAT GOD HAS IMPLANTED WITHIN ME.

NO ONE is without the wisdom he needs to decide what his way shall be. It is important to know this in seeking guidance, for when we feel that guidance comes from a source other than ourselves we often become confused by the opinions of others, by our own sense of inadequacy, and by our own desires.

Once we have accepted the truth that God created us capable of discriminating between what is productive of good and what is not, we have a stable foundation on which to make our decisions. As long as we weigh our action in a situation from the standpoint of what is productive of good and then act accordingly, we are accepting spiritual guidance. We are fulfilling God's law, and our steps shall be toward good.

If I seek guidance, I remind myself that the wisdom of Spirit is within me. I remind myself that because this wisdom is within me I am capable of making decisions—decisions that will take me forward in my own well-being and also be helpful to other persons.

♣ *The law of his God is in his heart.*—PSALMS 37:31.

Sunday

TODAY I JOYOUSLY CONSECRATE AND DEDICATE MYSELF TO GOD.

MOST OF us feel that in order to consecrate and dedicate ourselves to God we must do some kind of spiritual work, but this is not true. We can consecrate and dedicate ourselves to God regardless of where we are or what we are doing.

True consecration and dedication to God means that we give the substance of our thought to Him, that we give up thoughts of disease, lack, envy, jealousy, or fear.

Through our willingness and desire to let go of negative thoughts we consecrate and dedicate ourselves to God. We let the Christ light, joy, and peace shine through us. Our strength is renewed, joy lends its light to our lives, abundance flows freely to us, and we are filled with a new spirit—the Christ Spirit.

It is truly a rewarding and joyous experience to consecrate and dedicate our minds, our bodies, and all our affairs to God.

♣ *But ye are . . . a people for* God's *own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into . . . light.*—I PET. 2:9.

Monday

STEADFASTLY PROCLAIMING MY UNITY WITH THE CHRIST MIND, I AM GUIDED IN MY THINKING BY DIVINE ILLUMINATION.—UNITY ILLUMINATION THOUGHT.

"WE HAVE THE mind of Christ." As I consider the magnificent truth thus expressed in the words of Paul, I renew my determination to permit only Christlike thoughts to occupy my mind. If I am to express the perfection of Christ, I must continually and steadfastly proclaim my oneness with the Christ Mind and bring "every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."

The light of eternal wisdom, the light of Christ, the wonderful counselor, guides me.

My thoughts are peaceful. They express the calmness and poise and peace of Christ.

My thoughts are joyous. They express the unceasing joy of Christ.

My thoughts are loving. They express the love and compassion of Christ.

My thoughts are positive and constructive. They express the dynamic life and strength of Christ.

♣ *Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.*—PHIL. 2:5.

Tuesday

STEADFASTLY PROCLAIMING MY UNITY WITH THE CHRIST MIND, I AM PROSPERED AND BLESSED IN ALL MY AFFAIRS.—UNITY PROSPERITY THOUGHT.

"IT IS the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." In the name of Jesus Christ I accept His assurance that the Father's ever-available supply is mine. In His name I claim abundant prosperity and lay hold of unmeasured blessings of plenty and success.

In His ministry among men Jesus proved on many occasions that there is no lack in God's supply. He knew God, His Father, to be His all-providing resource. He taught that God provides for all His children in equal measure, giving to all "the kingdom," the opulent realm of Spirit substance, which is unfailing.

I accept the assurance of Jesus that God has given me the kingdom.

I believe in the eternal good. I believe that God is good. I believe that God is love. I believe that He is my Father and that I am His child. I believe that He is the Lord of plenty.

♠ *It is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*—LUKE 12:32.

STEADFASTLY PROCLAIMING MY PERFECTION IN CHRIST, I AM MADE STRONG AND WELL IN MIND AND IN BODY.—UNITY HEALING THOUGHT.

"I AM the way, and the truth, and the life." In these powerful words of Jesus is embodied the truth that Christ is the Lord of life and healing. He is the Master, through whom I receive the light, life, and wisdom of God, my Father.

Christ indwelling in me is the perfect Son of God. He is the perfect pattern for the perfect expression of my body, mind, and spirit. I recognize and accept the truth that He is even now enlightening me so that I may show forth the perfect health that is my birthright from my Father.

I accept the assurance of Jesus Christ that He is the way to perfect health. I accept the assurance of Jesus Christ that I can rely on His Truth to meet every need of mind and body. I accept the assurance of Jesus Christ that He is the life within me, strengthening, restoring, and making me whole and well.

♠ *I am the way, and the truth, and the life.*—JOHN 14:6.

Thursday

WHENEVER I MEET ANOTHER PERSON, OR THINK OF ANOTHER, I BEHOLD THE CHRIST IN HIM.

EVERY time I think of another person I pause for a moment to behold the Christ within him. Every time I meet another I behold the Christ within him. And all the while I am thinking of this person, or speaking with him, I do not permit myself to lose my vision of his Christ Spirit. I do not shut my eyes to his outer personality, but I look beyond appearances to his radiant Christ Spirit, which is much greater than his personality. When the appearances in his life seem inharmonious I look to the harmonizing Spirit within him. When his life seems harmonious and peaceful I still look within and acknowledge the source of this goodness.

Every person in the world has within him the spark of divinity, despite personality and outer appearance.

I behold and rejoice in the presence of the living Christ.

• *Christ in you, the hope of glory: whom we proclaim, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom.*—COL. 1:27, 28.

Friday

I SPEND THIS DAY PRAISING AND THANKING GOD FOR ALL HIS GOODNESS.

RATHER than thinking that I must spend much time today in prayer to overcome some difficulty, I shall relax and spend my time thinking about God. I shall give thanks to Him for all the good He pours out upon me and upon everyone else. I shall begin now by rejoicing in this day, which He has made, and for this time in which to think of Him and His presence in me as love, life, peace, joy, boundless vitality, and limitless supply. I give thanks for all the blessings I have and keep my mind filled with thoughts of God's presence and power in me and in my life. I know that wherever I am God is, and I am His radiating channel for good. He needs me, He loves me, He is uplifting and inspiring me with His new ideas and refreshing thoughts.

I praise His presence. I know that He is in charge of me and my world. He is the loving, protecting presence on whom I rely.

This is the day of rejoicing.

This is the day which Jehovah hath made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
—PSALMS 118:24.

THE CHRIST LOVE FILLS MY HEART, AND I AM UPLIFTED, SUSTAINED, AND STRENGTHENED.

THERE IS within me a Spirit that uplifts, sustains, and strengthens me. At any time and in any experience, I can turn to the loving, comforting presence of the Christ within me and find understanding and peace. I am never alone; I am never without help, for He is with me at all times, and I can rely upon His loving Spirit within me to uphold me and bless me.

My realization of the Christ within me is an unfailing refuge in time of need. His love lifts every burden from my heart. His peace fills my mind and dispels all turmoil and despair. I need only to turn to Him in faith to receive the strength and peace I seek.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful."

I surrender myself to the comforting presence of the Christ, and I am lifted up and infolded in the love that is boundless, the love that makes us one in Spirit, the love that is never-failing.

• *Thou wilt keep* him *in perfect peace,* whose *mind* is *stayed* on thee; *because he trusteth in thee.*—ISA. 26:3.

Sunday

MY WORLD REFLECTS THE INNER HARMONY, RHYTHM, AND ORDER OF SPIRIT.

I ATTUNE myself to the great rhythm of life, to God's perfect harmony in action.

I think of the order of the universe, the movement of the tides, the law that controls growth in all living forms, and I know that beyond this order and this law is God's perfect order, God's perfect law.

I give thanks that God's law of life keeps my body in perfect balance. Because of the divine life in me, all the cells in my body move in perfect rhythm, and the innermost parts of me are filled with vitality and strength. The life in which I live, move, and have my being is the very life of God in action.

I attune my consciousness to God, and all the affairs of my life move in perfect order and harmony. My outer world reflects my inner consciousness.

I live close to God's love and divine harmony and am in tune with the great rhythmic flow of His life in all the avenues of my being.

✤ *I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it.*—JER. 31:33.

Monday

I GIVE THANKS THAT I AM ALWAYS IN MY RIGHT PLACE AND THAT GOD IS GUIDING ME TO MY HIGHEST GOOD.

IT IS comforting to remember that God is in charge of my life and affairs and that wherever I may be, I can give and receive a blessing. God is the directing power that guides me and works through me and through every detail in my life to establish me in peace and prosperity.

God is in the place where I am today, for wherever I am God is. Whatever my place today, He needs me there as a blessing. As I do all I can to improve myself and the conditions around me, I find that the way is prepared for greater good, for increased success and prosperity. If I feel need of a more fulfilling and satisfying place, then I give thanks now that new opportunities to serve are being opened to me.

I begin the day joyously and expectantly, knowing that God has only good for me. I co-operate with God by doing everything that I feel I should do; I have faith that He knows my needs, and I give thanks for the assurance that I am always in my right place.

• *I go to prepare a place for you.*—JOHN 14:2.

I BREATHE THE BREATH OF GOD'S LIFE, AND MY BODY IS ALIVE WITH HEALTH AND STRENGTH.

I THINK about the life of God and my mind is quickened and vitalized with His life. I love the life of God and my heart is strengthened. I feel the life of God flowing through me, and my body is alive with health and strength. I know that there is no life apart from God, that all life is divine, and that I am part of this great, divine stream of life.

There is no lack in God and there is no limit to the life I can draw from Him. In faith and love I accept His life into my mind, my heart, my lungs. I breathe deeply of the breath of God's life. I feel His life coursing through my body. I feel new courage in my heart, new faith in my soul, new strength and freedom in my body.

I know that God is my life and health, and as I breathe the breath of His life I am renewed and restored, vitalized and healed. I breathe the breath of God's life, and my body is alive with health and strength.

♣ *He himself giveth to all life, and breath, and all things.*—ACTS 17:25.

Wednesday

PLACING MY TRUST WHOLLY IN GOD, I FIND FREEDOM FROM ALL THOUGHT OF WORRY OR ANXIETY.

If I feel worried or anxious about a loved one, or if I feel inadequate to handle some situation that confronts me, then it is time for me to stand aside and give my problem into the care and keeping of God. When I have done all I possibly can and it still seems that nothing can be done then God alone can help. When I am able to stand aside and let go of anxiety the indwelling Spirit of God is given opportunity to adjust, to heal, to harmonize, and to bless the situation.

When some trying problem faces me it is, in reality, a challenge to me to place my trust wholly in God and to be steadfast in the realization that He can and will reveal the perfect answer.

My part is to keep my thoughts courageous and my mind peaceful, so that God can work in and through me to bless and to make all things right in my life. If I am concerned about another person, I bless him in the faith that God is working in and through him; I trust God to help him and care for him.

♣ *In nothing be anxious.*—PHIL. 4:6.

Thursday

APRIL 30

I LET THE LOVE AND COMPASSION THAT GOVERNED THE LIFE OF JESUS BECOME THE MOTIVATING FORCE IN MY LIFE.

THIS DAY I pause to consider how completely Jesus' life was motivated by the desire to help others. He spoke for the express purpose of giving comfort, encouragement, and vision to humanity. He worked His miracles because His compassion prompted Him to relieve suffering and to prove to us the power of prayer and faith. He did nothing for His own glory, nothing to advance a personal following. Stating it simply, Jesus loved humanity more than He loved Himself. To see others happier and more joyous was His overpowering desire and the motivating force in His life.

I remember that Jesus suggested that we follow His example of love as the way to overcoming and peace. "If a man love me, he will keep my word: and my Father will love him." I take inventory of myself today and compare my motives with His. I contemplate His love until the desire to live for others predominates in me.

♣ *This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you.*—JOHN 15:12.

This Month IN UNITY

Two New Pamphlets

Unity is happy to announce the publication of two excellent new pamphlets. The first, *Another Dawn* by James Dillet Freeman, contains a most inspiring article for the comfort of the bereaved. The second pamphlet contains Charles Fillmore's article *Giving and Receiving* plus two blessings to be placed upon one's gifts. Unity pamphlets are priced at 5 cents each; for an order blank and a complete free list of these pamphlets, write to Unity headquarters.

Coming Events at Unity Farm

The first term of the Unity Training School will open April 13 and continue until May 8. For further information and registration blank, write to Registrar, Unity Training School, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

The dates for the annual Youth of Unity Conference have been set—July 2 to July 7—and preparations are under way at Unity headquarters to

make this one of the most inspiring and enjoyable Y.O.U. conferences ever held. For information, write in advance to Youth of Unity Headquarters, Unity School of Christianity, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

New *Wee Wisdom* Serial

Since the serial entitled "The Heavenly Jeep," by Rebecca K. Sprinkle, appeared in *Wee Wisdom* last summer, the editors of the magazine have received numerous letters praising this story.

Now, we are happy to announce a new serial by the same author which will begin in the May issue of *Wee Wisdom*. Entitled "The Packing-Box Family," it tells the heart-warming story of a minister's family, the Fredericks, and the problems that are caused in that family when the father receives a call to a church in a different town.

In the story, Harriet Fredericks, who is 12, learns that when she accepts a disappointment cheerfully instead of struggling against it, everything turns out in the happiest possible way for her.

Wee Wisdom, priced at only $2 a year, is an ideal gift for any boy or girl.

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Golden Jubilee Year

This year is the Golden Jubilee Year of the first Unity center ever to be established—Unity Society of Practical Christianity in Kansas City, Missouri. This center was founded by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore and a few of their students in 1903, just fifty years ago this summer.

At that time the group that incorporated under the name of Unity Society of Practical Christianity was holding its meetings in a rented brick cottage at 1315 McGee Street. Other phases of the work begun by Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, which were known at that time as Unity Tract Society and Society of Silent Unity, occupied the same little cottage.

As the Sunday morning attendance increased a meeting place in the neighborhood, called Arlington Hall, was rented for the Sunday morning services. Three years later Unity Society moved into its first permanent home, a stone-and-brick building erected by the Society at 913 Tracy.

Today the home of Unity Society is Unity Temple which, with the prayerful support of faithful friends all over the world, was completed in 1950 at a cost of more than one million dollars. Of the total amount 65 per cent has already been paid.

Unity Society of Practical Christianity in Kansas City, Missouri asks all its friends, near and far, to join in special prayers and blessings for the Temple to the end that in this Jubilee Year of 1953 it may be dedicated, entirely free of financial obligation, to the service of God as a center of peace, love, healing, and spiritual understanding for all who seek the Christ way of life.

Help When You Need It

Just at the time when it was most needed the manna fell from heaven and water gushed from a rock to satisfy the hunger and quench the thirst of the Children of Israel as they journeyed toward the Promised Land.

To many Truth students all over the world WEEKLY UNITY seems to reach them at the moment of their greatest need and to satisfy their spiritual hunger and thirst as they travel toward the "promised land" of peace and plenty.

Typical of the many letters received expressing this thought is one from Mrs. A. F. L. of Boston, Massachusetts, who writes:

"Years ago a casual acquaintance sent me a subscription for WEEKLY UNITY. . . . I read the first page, then the second, then the third, and so on. Then . . . strange as the reaction may seem . . . I put my head down on the table and cried. The magazine had come at a time when we were in deep sorrow; its message seemed just for me—hope and light and comfort."

You too will find just the help you need at the moment you need it through this weekly messenger from Unity. Fifty-two issues of WEEKLY UNITY——only $1.

Unity LEE'S SUMMIT, MO.

"HOW DIFFERENT THINGS HAVE BEEN!"

"I intended writing you long before now to tell you how different things have been since using my second Prosperity Bank. I realize that when I was using the first Bank there was always a little doubt in my mind in spite of my efforts to trust wholeheartedly in God. My faith is far from perfect yet, but it has increased so that now if I find that my money supply seems inadequate, I immediately think, 'God knows all about it, and He will take care of it.' He does, too, sometimes in very unexpected ways. This is truly helping to strengthen my faith in other ways.

"May I add that those receiving the DAILY WORD subscribed to from the contents of my Prosperity Bank have told me many times the blessings DAILY WORD has brought into their lives."

Unity School of Christianity, Lee's Summit, Mo.

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THE PERFECT GIFT *for Mother*

Letters of Myrtle Fillmore is the perfect Mother's Day remembrance, for it is a whole collection of warm, intimate messages from a woman who was herself not only the mother of three sons but also the "Mother of Unity."

Because she was a mother, her writings are full of sympathy and understanding for a mother's problems. And because of the years she spent helping others as the "Mother of Unity," her advice is extremely practical and useful.

Throughout her ministry Myrtle Fillmore maintained a tremendous correspondence, for her advice was eagerly sought and she counted it a joy and privilege to help others with problems like those she had met and conquered in her own life. The very finest extracts were chosen from her many letters to make a single regular size Unity book, *Letters of Myrtle Fillmore*. Each extract is a real gem of Truth teaching, warm with Myrtle Fillmore's love and faith and alight with her inspired wisdom.

Letters of Myrtle Fillmore is richly bound in black Keratol with gold lettering, and it includes a portrait of the "Mother of Unity." Any Mother will be proud to own it, and delighted to read it. The book is priced at only $1.

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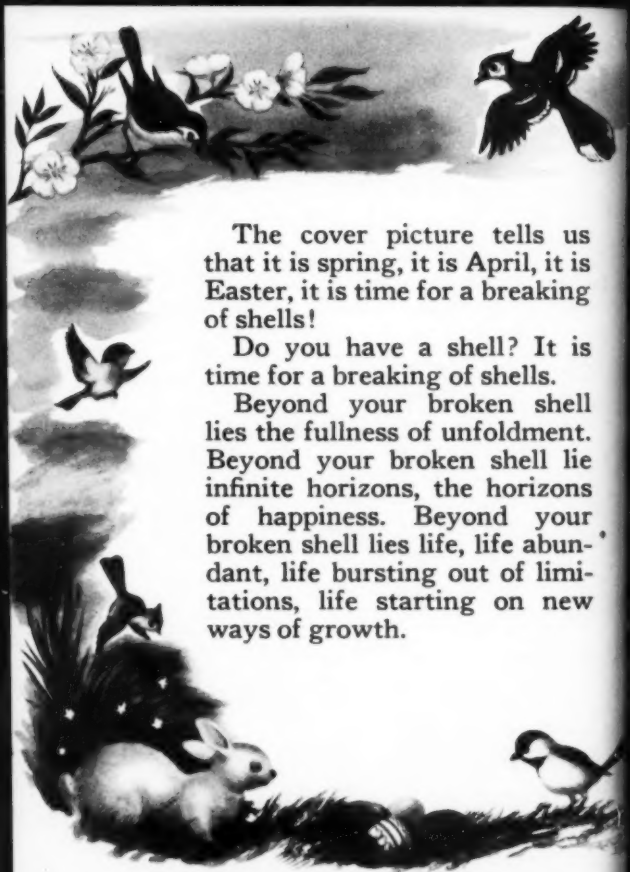

The cover picture tells us that it is spring, it is April, it is Easter, it is time for a breaking of shells!

Do you have a shell? It is time for a breaking of shells.

Beyond your broken shell lies the fullness of unfoldment. Beyond your broken shell lie infinite horizons, the horizons of happiness. Beyond your broken shell lies life, life abundant, life bursting out of limitations, life starting on new ways of growth.